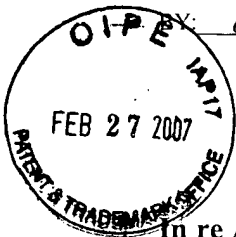


I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, P.O. BOX 1450, ALEXANDRIA, VA 22313-1450, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW.



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In re Application of: Scott L. Diamond, *et al.* Attorney Docket No.: 53893-5043CT1

Application No.: 10/777,805

Group Art Unit: 1635

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

This paper is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 24, 2006 in connection with the above-captioned application. This Response is being timely filed in view of the Petition for a Five (5) Month Extension of Time and accompanying fee being filed herewith, which extends the time for response up to and including Monday, February 26, 2007 (as February 24, 2007 and February 25, 2007 are a Saturday and a Sunday, respectively).

Responsive to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby provisionally elect to prosecute the claims of Group III, claims 19-21 and 52, in full, and claims 27-29 and 53, in part, drawn to a cationic nonviral delivery vehicle. This election is made with traverse, and without prejudice to the inclusion of the subject matter of the non-elected claims in any later-filed divisional or continuation application(s).